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Focus on Morton Grove Public Library

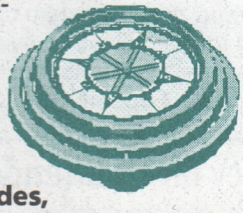
Dine-In With the Adult Summer Reading Club

There is no better time to read than in the summer. And books can travel anywhere: to parks and beaches, on trains and planes, even backyard patios. This summer, let the Morton Grove Public Library be your menu of choice for books, videos and audiobooks. The Adult Summer Reading Program invites you to dine-in and choose from the *Reader's Diner Menu.* The menu offers many options to satisfy fiction lovers, biography buffs and nonfiction readers. The Adult Summer Reading Club, *Reader's Diner,* runs June 15 - August 28.

The first 75 patrons to sign-up for *Reader's Diner* receive free tickets to a Ravinia Festival concert in Highland Park in conjunction with the Words & Music program of the North Suburban Library System. Patrons will also receive a *Reader's Diner* travel mug after completing two categories on the menu. In addition, after finishing each category, patrons are entered into weekly drawings for free gifts. Please stop by the Reader's Service Desk, beginning June 10th to pick-up a *Reader's Diner Menu.*

Tour the Best of the Midwest to Discover Hidden Travel Spots

Looking for new, nearby travel destinations for weekend summer getaways? Join us on **Wednesday, May 20 at 7 p.m.** and travel with experienced naturalist and photographer Jim Nachel on a slide/lecture tour of the best spots in the Midwest, traveling no further than St. Louis. If being outdoors is the perfect vacation, learn of the many, close-by scenic parks and outdoor activities. Jim will also cover many exciting indoor venues for rainy weekend days.



This program is sure to generate plenty of ideas for preparing summer activity lists. **For travel resource and trip planning guides, see the Reference Round-up on page four. Visit the Library's Web list of travel information at www.webrary.org/ref/travelres.html**

MGPL News Flash

Overdue Fines Changed

Starting May 1, overdue fines will increase from 10 cents to 15 cents per day. All overdue materials returned on or after this date, regardless of the check-out date, will receive the 15 cent rate. This increase does not apply to CD-roms and videos, which remain at $1, or art prints, which remain at 25 cents.

Internet Computer Upgrades

In May, the Library will be upgrading the Internet PCs and the general-use PC and Macintosh. In addition, laser printing will be added to the Internet PCs, and printouts from all public computers will be 10¢ per page.

Summer Hours

The Library will be closed on Sundays from May 24 through September 6.

Quick Pick Audiobook Program Adds Popular Titles to Shelves

For avid audiobook users, the new Quick Pick Audiobook program—designed to address the need for a larger selection of popular genres such as thrillers, adventures and mysteries—is tailor-made for you.

With space limitations hindering expansion of the current collection, the new program creates a revolving collection that allows the Library to lease popular titles.

Each group of audiobooks is available for a limited time before being replaced by a new, exciting batch. In order to ensure maximum availability, the leased Quick Pick Audiobooks can not be reserved or renewed, but will still be checked out for the standard three weeks. Look for the new audiobooks to arrive on the shelves soon.

Seeking STAR Volunteers for Children's Reading Program

Be a STAR (Summer Time Assistant Reader) this summer as a High School volunteer for *Fish for a Good Book,* the MGPL 1998 Children's Summer Reading Program. Volunteers will listen to oral reports, keep track of the number of books read by each child and add stars to children's names on the bulletin board.

Participation can count toward credit for National Honor Society membership or service requirements for other community organizations. All volunteers will be presented with a certificate of service at the program's end. Contact Mrs. Rund or Mrs. Gross in the Children's Department for more information. See the story on page three for details on the 1998 Children's Summer Reading Program.

MGPL Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 9 - 9
Fri. 9 - 6, Sat. 9 - 5

Closed Sundays, beginning May 24.

Mark your calendar!

Calendar Summary

May			
5/5	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
5/14	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
5/11	Mo	11:00 2:30 & 7:00	Feature Film: *As Good As It Gets*
5/12	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
5/13	We	7:00	Astronomy 101: Our Universe
5/14	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
5/19	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
5/20	We	7:00	Best of the Midwest
5/26	Tu	7:30	Book Discussion Group: *Undaunted Courage* by Stephen E. Ambrose
5/26	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
June			
6/2	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
6/9	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
6/11	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
6/15	Mo.	11:00 2:30 & 7:00	Feature Film: *Good Will Hunting*
6/16	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
6/23	Tu	7:30	Book Discussion Group: *Briar Rose* by Jane Yolen
6/23	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
6/30	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
July			
7/7	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
7/9	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
7/13	Mo	11:00 2:30 & 7:00	Feature Film: To Be Announced
7/14	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
7/21	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
7/28	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
August			
8/4	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
8/10	Mo	11:00 2:30 & 7:00	Feature Film: To Be Announced
8/11	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
8/13	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
8/18	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
8/25	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies

Check our complete calendar on the Web at *http://www.webrary.org/inside/calcurr.html*

Programs — May

Internet Classes - An Internet Basics one-hour demonstration class is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m.** The course is only open to Morton Grove residents and is limited to 50 participants. Registration is required and begins **Monday, May 4.** Call the Library or stop by the Reader's Service desk to sign-up.

All course attendants are eligible for one-hour individual tutoring sessions to be scheduled during the weeks of May 9-28. Course participants should bring their calendars on May 6 to select time slots and dates for individual tutoring sessions.

Astronomy 101: Our Universe - Northwest Suburban Astronomers member Gary Polinquin will help us see something in the stars this summer with a slide/lecture presentation introducing astronomy basics. Gary will cover earth and the surrounding galaxies in this fun and informative program. For anyone curious about understanding their universe better, this is the program to attend. **Wed. 5/13, 7 p.m.**

Best of the Midwest - Award-winning nature photographer, naturalist and educator Jim Nachel presents new, local areas to explore this summer. See article, page one. **Wed. 5/20, 7 p.m.**

Donations Enhance Library and Honor Book Lover

The Library recently received a donation from the North Shore Prime Timers and gifts in memory of Carol Sigel. The North Shore Prime Timers' gift will go toward a sound system upgrade for Baxter Auditorium. The memorial fund for Mrs. Sigel, an avid reader and Library patron, will be used to purchase a globe for the Reference Room. The Library extends its appreciation for these donations.

MGPL Policy on Unattended Children

While in the Library, children 8 and under may not be left unattended for any length of time. Children must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult over age 18. This includes children participating in all Library-sponsored programs; parents or chaperons must remain in the Library during these events.

Lunch Time Movies

Pack a brown-bag lunch and head to the Library every **Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.** for Lunch Time Movies. Travel to faraway places, listen to thought-provoking discussions or meet historical figures during this $1\frac{1}{2}$ hour video program.

Book Discussion Group

Thinking Out Loud, the Library's book group, meets **May 26 at 7:30 p.m.** to discuss *Undaunted Courage* by Stephen E. Ambrose. The title for the **June 23** discussion is *Briar Rose* by Jane Yolen. Copies of the books are available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Reader's Service Desk. The Book Discussion Group will not meet in July and August, but will resume in September.

All programs held at the Library are free of charge and open to everyone, unless noted. For more information, or for mobility and communication access assistance, please call the Library at (847) 965-4220, TDD 965-4236.

Kids Programs

Children's Summer Reading Club Goes Fishing for Books

The 1998 Children's Summer Reading Program, *Fishing for a Good Book*, begins June 15 and runs through August 8.

Children will read books and share their adventures through oral reports. High School Volunteers will assist children and keep track of their progress, adding stars to a chart in the Children's Room.

Upon reading books and completing oral reports, children have the opportunity to enter a raffle for prizes, including free paperback books.

Please stop by the Children's Room this summer to register for *Fishing for a Good Book*.

Children gather around the new globe in the Children's Room before Drop-In Storytime, which takes place every Tuesday at 1:30. Registration is not necessary for this event.

St. Martha Wins Battle of the Books

Congratulations to the St. Martha Maulers for accumulating the most points to win the 1998 7th and 8th grade Battle of the Books. This is St. Martha's first competition at the Junior High Level. Congratulations for jobs well done are also in order for the Park View Bookworms, who went undefeated, Our Lady of Perpetual Hope Chapter Champions, East Prairie and the Golf Stars.

Children's Classes

Register for Summer session, beginning June 1 (residents) and June 8 (non-residents). Classes begin June 15 and run through August 10.

Library Playtime
for 2 1/2 Year Olds & Parents
Thursday 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 children, 12 parents.

Pre-School Storytime
Please choose one of the following times for ages 3-Kindergarten:
Wednesday 10:00 am
Thursday 6:45 pm
Class limit – 30

Stories & Stuff
Grades 1-2
Monday 7:00pm
Class limit – 12
Thursday 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 children, 12 parents

Arts & Crafts
Grades 1-3 Mon. 3:30 pm
Grades 4-6 Fri. 3:30 pm
Class limit – 15

Creative Writing
Please choose one of the following:
Grades 2-6
Wed. or Thurs. 3:30 pm
Class limit - 40

Drop-in Storytime
Tuesdays at 1:30. No registration.

Local Artists Exhibit at Library

The following artists will exhibit this summer in the MGPL Baxter Room. We invite you to stop by and view their work.

May

Pat Harris, photography, still life and landscapes
Miriam Horn, portraits and landscapes
Paul Kim, pottery (Lincoln Avenue display case)

June

Tomek Celenicz, oil paintings - still lifes and landscapes
Dale Paracuelles, caricatures, cartoons and portraits

July

Steve Morley, computer images

Artists interested in exhibiting should call the Library's Programming and Public Relations Coordinator at (847) 965-4220.

Films

May

As Good As It Gets (PG-13 138 min.) Helen Hunt and Jack Nicholson, Oscar winners for their roles in this film, star in an off-beat, romantic comedy about life. Nicholson plays an obnoxious New Yorker, who falls for Hunt's character. His newfound love interest inspires him to be a better, and slightly nicer man. **Mon. 5/11 11:00, 2:30 & 7:00**

June

Good Will Hunting (R 127 min.) Another Oscar hit, scoring kudos for best original screenplay and best supporting actor (Robin Williams). This film stars Matt Damon as a math genius with an attitude from South Boston, who is forced to confront his past and face his future.
Mon. 6/15 11:00, 2:30 & 7:00

Please call the Library in June to inquire about the July 13 and August 10 film selections.

Celebrate Audiobook Month in June with Award-Wining Selections

The following audiobooks received recognition from *Publishers Weekly* for their excellent content and narration. Best of all, these top picks are in the Library collection and may be checked-out or reserved.

Fiction:
Timequake, Kurt Vonnegut
She's Come Undone, Wally Lamb

Memoir/Biography:
Personal History, Katharine Graham
Just as I Am, Billy Graham
My Sergei: A Love Story, Ekaterina Gordeeva with E.M. Swift

Mystery:
10 Lb. Penalty, Dick Francis

Literary Classics:
Gulliver's Travels, Jonathan Swift

Audio Original:
Ambush at Fort Bragg, Tom Wolfe

Health:
Eight Weeks to Optimum Health, Andrew Weil

Movie Tie-In:
A Thousand Acres, Jane Smiley

Best of the Best:
Larry's Party, Carol Sheilds
Angela's Ashes, Frank McCourt

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Reference Round-up

Does warmer weather bring happy thoughts of travel vacations? Be sure to stop in the Reference Department to make use of the many books and pamphlets to help plan summer trips.

Planning a long drive? See the *1998 Rand McNally Road Atlas* for the latest maps of major cities, states or provinces in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. The Atlas includes mileage and driving time charts. Also refer to the seven volumes of the *1998 Mobil Travel Guides* for detailed listings of local tourist attractions, restaurants and lodgings across the U.S.

Going abroad? *The World Travel Guide, 1997-98* has invaluable information about every country's climate, health conditions, travel facilities, passport requirements, business dress and lots more. Another source for world travelers is the *OAG Travel Planner* series. These books include detailed information on transportation services, with maps of every major airport and lists of airlines servicing each location.

Traveling on a budget? *Hostelling North America 1998* describes economical lodging arrangements in the U.S. and Canada at International Youth Hostel Federation hostels for adult and family groups as well as students. The *1997/1998 Directory of Budget Motels* is another place to look for inexpensive accommodations. Along with listings for each state or province in the U.S. and Canada, there is a directory of budget motel chains with their special discounts and features.

Looking for hidden treasures? A well-kept secret in the Reference Room is the Vertical File of current travel brochures and road maps for each U.S. state, the islands of the Caribbean and many foreign countries. Maps and brochures may be checked out for one week. **Bon voyage!**

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